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SUBJECT: 30TH UNGA - FRIENDLY RESOLUTION ON KOREA INCORPORATES
FRENCH AMENDMENTS

REF: USUN 4956

1. AFTER SHARING SUBSTANCE OF PARA 4 REFTEL WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR
HERE, HE STRONGLY SUPPORTED THE FOLLOWING ACTION I TOOK WITH MFA
POLITICAL DIRECTOR OTTO BORCH. I CALLED BORCH TO EMPHASIZE THAT
THE CO-SPONSORS OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION NAMED IN PARA 4 REFTEL
ALL HAD RELATIONS WITH BOTH KOREAS, AND THAT DENMARK APPARENTLY
IS THE ONLY MEMBER OF THE EC-9 WHICH HAS NOT YET BECOME CO-
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SPONSOR OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AS AMENDED BY THE FRENCH. I

EXPRESSED THE HOPE - AND ASSOCIATED THE FRENCH - THAT THE DANES WOULD RECONSIDER THEIR PREVIOUS POSITION AND WOULD ULTIMATELY DECIDE TO CO-SPONSOR.

2. BORCH REPLIED WITH A TOUCH OF ASPERITY THAT HE FAILED TO SEE THE RELEVANCE OR THE APPROPRIATENESS OF AN "EC-9 POSITION" AND THAT THE NINE SHOULD REALIZE THAT DENMARK HAD ALWAYS HAD AN "INDEPENDENT POSITION ON THE KOREA QUESTION". (COMMENT: THE DANES ARE STILL UNCERTAIN AND SENSITIVE OVER THE DEGREE OF POLITICAL COOPERATION THAT THEIR RELATIVELY RECENT MEMBERSHIP IN THE COMMUNITY DEMANDS.) HE ALSO RHETORICALLY ASKED WHAT DIFFERENCE IT REALLY MADE WHETHER OR NOT DENMARK NOW JOINED AS A CO-SPONSOR OF THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION. HE WENT ON TO SAY IN THIS REGARD THAT IT WAS AN OVERSIMPLIFICATION TO IMPLY THAT DENMARK REFERRED TO "CO-SPONSOR" ONLY BECAUSE OF HAVING BOTH KOREAS REPRESENTED HERE, FOR IN FACT DENMARK'S FEELINGS WENT DEEPER THAN THAT AND THAT DENMARK ALONG WITH THE OTHER NORDICS HAD ALWAYS SOUGHT A "SOLUTION" TO THE KOREAN PROBLEM.

3. AFTER THIS LESSON IN THEOLOGY, HOWEVER, BORCH AGAIN REITERATED DANISH BACKING FOR THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AND THEIR OPPOSITION TO ANY POSSIBLE PROCEDURAL SHENANIGANS BY THE ALGERIANS OR OTHER SUPPORTERS OF THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION AIMED AT DENYING THE FRIENDLY RESOLUTION THE PRIORITY IT PROPERLY ENJOYS. HE ALSO SAID THAT THE DANES WERE PLEASED WITH THE AMENDMENTS PUT FORWARD BY THE FRENCH AND BELIEVED THAT THE RESOLUTION AS AMENDED IS AN IMPROVEMENT.

4. ALTHOUGH HE STILL REFUSED TO MAKE A COMMITMENT ON THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION, HE SAID THAT HE WAS SURE THAT EVERYTHING WOULD "COME OUT ALL RIGHT" AND THAT HE WOULD BRING THE POINTS THAT I MADE TO THE ATTENTION OF FOREIGN MINISTER K.B. ANDERSEN.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH BORCH WAS PERHAPS SLIGHTLY IRKED - NOT ONLY BY THE DEMARCHE, BUT APPARENTLY BY PRESSURE FROM THE MEMBERS OF EC-9 AND FROM THE DANISH MISSION IN NEW YORK - WE BELIEVE THAT THE DANISH POSITION MAY BE STRENGTHENING TO VOTE AGAINST THE HOSTILE RESOLUTION. THE FACT THAT
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BORCH AGREED TO TAKE UP THE QUESTION WITH THE FONMIN IS A GOOD SIGN.
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